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Appl. No.	:	09/610,284
Applicant	:	Herbert Bächler et al.
Filed	:	July 6, 2000
Title	:	HEARING DEVICE HAVING SELF-CONTAINED, SELF-IDENTIFYING PERIPHERAL HARDWARE UNITS ( <i>as amended</i> )
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**AMENDMENT "E" AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 1.116**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated February 6, 2004 (Paper No. 13). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on May 6, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one month, to June 6, 2004. The \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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